



# Restaurant Ready HOPES



## Advancing Individuals on a Pathway to Independence

Restaurant Ready is a national program dedicated to helping individuals acquire the basic job and life skills necessary to pursue jobs in the restaurant and hospitality industry and jumpstart a pathway to independence.

Launched in 2016, the program focuses on supporting individuals in diverse communities, who are not in school and or/employed, with their transition into communities and work. Working with local community-based organizations, the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) currently operates Restaurant Ready programs in over 60 locations across the country.

In 2019, through a new initiative called the Hospitality Opportunities for People (Re)Entering Society (HOPES) project, Restaurant Ready expanded to support justice-involved individuals through training, employment and apprenticeships in the restaurant and hospitality industry. [Click here to learn more about HOPES.](#)

### KEY STATS



Get Their First Job  
in a Restaurant

6

Key Competencies

60+

Community-Based  
Organizations

\$9.4 M

Reentry Grants Through the  
U.S. Department of Labor & U.S.  
Department of Justice

10+ Million

Young Adults Who Are  
Neither in School or Employed

### PROGRAM BENEFITS

- › Restaurant Ready provides training in six work-ready competency areas defined by the restaurant industry
- › The competencies are designed to help individuals acquire the skills, discipline and confidence to start a job and stay employed
- › Restaurant Ready directly links the individual to local employers and has a positive impact on the social and economic well-being of the community
- › In addition to community-based organizations, Restaurant Ready often includes the support of State Restaurant Associations, national industry leaders and local employers

### Get Involved!

To learn more about starting and/or supporting a Restaurant Ready program in your community, visit [ChooseRestaurants.org/RestaurantReady](https://ChooseRestaurants.org/RestaurantReady) or email [RestaurantReady@nraef.org](mailto:RestaurantReady@nraef.org).

For more information about the HOPES project, visit [ChooseRestaurants.org/HOPES](https://ChooseRestaurants.org/HOPES) or email [HOPES@nraef.org](mailto:HOPES@nraef.org).

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